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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

STAT I had lunch today with Martin Cramer, President of the National Historical Intelligence Museum, and with [] Director of CSI. I have know "Marty" Cramer since we were graduate students at Fletcher more than 30 years ago but have not been in close touch with him over the intervening years.

STAT The sole subject for the luncheon discussion (it lasted two hours) was Cramer's intelligence museum. At no time did he ask [] or me for assistance in getting Agency support--financial or otherwise--for his project. The discussion focused almost exclusively on people, outside CIA, who might be of assistance in giving their names or their time to advance the cause of the museum.

In answer to direct questions from me, Marty admitted that he does not yet have any funding for his project, that he has not yet found a location (he favors Virginia over D.C. or Maryland), and that he is still recruiting "names with impact" for his advisory board. (There is also a working board where time and a willingness to spend it for the cause are more important than names.) Incidentally, Cramer has not yet approached the Donovan Foundation, as recommended in the DCI's letter to him.

STAT Marty is a great name-dropper and, I believe, describes people who may be luke-warm to his idea as avid supporters. He does, apparently, have some kind of direct support from General Tighe (member of Advisory Board) and William Colby. Cramer wondered aloud whether or not he should advertise that Colby is with him- [] and I suggested he exercise caution as Colby's support could antagonize other potential supporters.

I gave Cramer every opportunity, by my questioning, to reveal why he and Ray Cline's NISC had parted company. He didn't take the bait but admitted Cline is not on his Board of Advisors. He claims the only individual dead-set against a museum is Walter Pforzheimer and he expressed confidence that once the project is rolling, Walter will climb on board.

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[] questioned Cramer closely on the charter of his organization and legal restrictions that might be involved--particularly in any relationship with the Intelligence Community. Marty decided that he would contact the Agency legal office (OGC?) regarding this matter. Incidentally, he claims to have a lawyer on his working board.

Cramer has not yet given up hope of getting AFIO backing for the museum and expressed hope that the recent 4-point program outlined by the Veterans of OSS, which included a proposed museum, would eventually lead to more active backing of his proposal by that organization.

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Most of the time with Cramer was devoted to bringing up names of people--mostly in academia--who might be helpful to him (as advisors presumably). [] and I mentioned a number of our contacts in academe with some experience in intelligence. We promised to put these names on paper and send them to him. He was particularly interested in names from prestigious schools and wondered if he should contact Graham Allison at Harvard. Allison, of course, was a friend of DCI Turner.

We also discussed others who had been active in intelligence and were now retired or in other occupations (e.g. Roger Hillman at Columbia; William Bowdler, now retired).

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Cramer also brought up former DCIs. He said Helms had declined to serve on his advisory board, that he hoped to obtain McCone's blessing, and expressed hesitation about approaching Schlesinger and Turner. Both [] and I urged him to contact Turner. Neither one of us commented on Schlesinger.

Other former CIA officials mentioned during the conversation were "Red" White (Cramer has yet to contact him), Larry Houston (Cramer says he has his support), Jack Maury (AFIO won't support the museum but Maury was described as "very sympathetic"), Lyman Kirkpatrick (described as "sold on the idea"--Cramer says Kirk is coming to Washington to live following his retirement from Brown), and Scott Breckinridge (now at University of Kentucky where Cramer may approach him).

To reiterate, the overall impression I received from the discussion is that Marty Cramer is still far from having found the support he needs to make the museum credible, wants to recruit "big names" to assist him, has yet to find a site for the building, and, most importantly, needs money from some source to keep the concept afloat.

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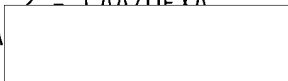
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